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A Deep Laid Scheme

[Original.]
Since this story hinges on a name, I may as well begin by saying that the name it hinges on is Francis Randolph Forbes. Now, the letter F written in simply an incomplete H, and I have of ten had my letters go to some H. R. Forbes or H. R. Forbes or some such name, and I have received such persons' letters myself.

One evening upon calling for my mail at my club I was handed a note addressed in a woman's familiar hand. Five years before Maud Twining had refused me, and I was sure this was to reopen the case. I tore open the envelope and pulled out the contents with a trembling hand.

Nothing but a blank sheet of note paper.

This was cruel. Maud was not the girl to treat me thus. But wait a bit. Might she not with maidenly modesty intend to simply commence a reopening of a matter which she herself had closed? Might not this blank paper contain a message from her if I could find it out? I scrutinized it, held it before a strong light, put a magnifying glass to it, but could see no evidence of a communication. While holding it very close to a gas jet I noticed pale brown marks coming out on it. Holding it still closer, they deepened, and I read in letters apparently written with a match or a toothpick probably in lemon juice.

April 6 B—Square Fountain 10:30 p. m. HESTER.

I was bitterly disappointed. Hester was not the name of the lady I had in mind. I examined the superscription on the envelope and decided that it might be either F. R. Forbes or F. R. (possibly F. B.) Harker. I took the note the next day to the postoffice and was informed that F. B. Harker had asked for a letter and on being informed there was nothing for him made a great ado about the delinquencies of the office. The clerk looked in the directory for F. B. Harker, but no such name was given there. Consequently there was no way of finding him.

After thinking the matter over I concluded that I would go to the rendezvous and inform the lady that her letter of appointment had miscarried. On April 6 at 10 o'clock in the evening I was in the park and soon after saw a veiled lady approach the fountain. I too, went to the fountain and after a few moments of daily asked her if she was Hester. She started, but did not reply. Then I told her the story of the miscarriage of her note.

Women are naturally confiding, and there was something perhaps in my manner that induced this one to give me her confidence. She told me that she was a widow. Her husband's brother was trying to defraud her of

the estate her husband had left her. One who was in league with the brother-in-law had agreed to play false to him and for a consideration turn over to her certain papers that would make valid her claim on the inheritance. The transfer must be made without the knowledge of the brother-in-law, and she had designated the place for the purpose.

"May I not act for you, madam?" I said.

"I only wish you would," she replied. "I will give you an order for the papers if you will consent to bring them to me."

"That I did not mean. I would not permit you to thus place your interests in the hands of a stranger. Give me the name and address of the person you were to meet here, and I will make a new appointment for you."

This only strengthened her confidence in me. She invited me to accompany her home, and I did so. As soon as we entered she unveiled and revealed the features of a woman of forty-two or forty-three. While explaining how I came to consider her note as intended for me I referred to the similarity of her handwriting to that of a former acquaintance of mine. She told me that the address was not hers; that the whole plan of receiving the papers clandestinely had been concocted by her niece, who had addressed the mis-

"And your niece is?" I asked.

"Maud Twining."

"I jumped as if I had been shot."

"Maud Twining! I was sure I saw again her familiar handwriting, though she evidently tried to disguise it. Where is she?"

"Do you know her?"

"Yes."

"She is living here with me. I'll call her. I'll not tell her whom she is to meet."

She went out of the room and returned with the only girl I had ever loved. Something told me when I saw her start on seeing me that her surprise was feigned. Had her aunt told her whom she was to meet? She came forward with confusion in every line of her countenance. There was none of that honest, kindly bearing she had shown when we parted. Indeed, she looked shamefaced.

The affair thus reopened came to a rapid conclusion. I forgot the aunt's affair in my own happiness and altogether lost track of it. For years I told the story to intimate friends how an accident had united me with the girl I had married. Suddenly I stopped telling it. My wife had confessed.

While addressing her aunt's note she had noticed how she might make the name appear to be mine. With a faint hope in her heart that her message of love would go to me she made the changes. I believe there was some necessity for a clandestine transfer of the papers, but I have surmised that a reopening of our love affair was at the bottom of the whole scheme.

6 DEAD, 21 HURT IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Can of Explosive Falls Into Fire About Which Workmen Were Sitting—One Man Had Both Legs Blown Off.

Pittsburg, Nov. 9.—While workmen were seated about a bonfire, eating their lunch, yesterday afternoon, a can of dynamite exploded, killing six and injuring twenty-one others. The men were employed by a local contracting firm, which was running a sewer line through Carrick borough, a suburb of Pittsburg.

When the explosion came, the workmen were thrown in all directions, rocks, tools and clods of earth being hurled over the victims, many of whom were badly mangled. Word of the explosion was telegraphed to the fire department, and special cars were rushed to the scene to bring the injured men to the city hospitals.

Passing street cars were stopped, and when passengers learned of the terrible injuries received by the workmen, all of whom were foreigners, they yielded the cars. The injured, who lay on the long seats and the cars were rushed to the city after physicians, who had been summoned from the surrounding suburbs, dressed the injuries.

Ambulances from the city hospitals were notified by telephone to meet the cases. On the trip to town, two men died and their bodies were sent to the morgue. The ambulances took the injured to the hospitals, where it was stated that three and possibly more cannot recover. One man had both legs blown from his body. Others lost one arm or a leg, while others received wounds about the head and body.

NORTHFIELD.

Harry Kendall has returned from a visit to his home in Granville. Miss Lou Newell has recovered from a short illness and is able to be out.

Mrs. J. A. Wakefield is more comfortable and a complete recovery is now looked for.

Mrs. B. F. Nickerson and Mrs. Jessie Dickerman of East Granville were callers in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Wilkins, formerly of Stowe, called on friends in town on her way to Braintree, where she will make her home.

Miss Alma Huntley has returned from Boston, where she visited friends and relatives for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sanders, Mrs. Abbie Baker, Mrs. George Averill and Miss Abbie Averill and Mrs. William Boynton, attended "The College Widow" in Montpelier.

Frank Hall, who recently went to Florida, is expected home soon, as he was unable to accept a position as engineer on account of ill health.

Mrs. Abbie Baker has moved from Mrs. Nettie Howe's house to rooms at Mrs. Albert Bean's.

Mrs. M. Jones has so far recovered from her illness that she is able to return to her home in Bellows Falls Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Homer White of Randolph were in town Wednesday evening to attend the Conversational club banquet, which was held at the Northfield house.

Mrs. Clarence Randall of Woodville returned to her home in Woodville on Wednesday after a few days spent in town with friends.

Malvern Howe and Henry Howe, who were called here by the death of their mother, Mrs. Asa Howe, returned to their homes in Taunton, Ind., and Marshall town, Iowa, Wednesday evening.

The Conversational club held a very enjoyable banquet at the Northfield house Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall left Thursday noon for a few weeks' visit at Mr. Hall's home in Boston.

Pearl Dutton fell from the steps near the bakery to the steps leading into the restaurant and cut his head quite badly, but not seriously, it is thought.

HEARST ALONE DEFEATED

Whole Democratic Ticket Except Him Elected

PLURALITY OF OVER 10,000

Hughes' Plurality Is Little Changed—Editor Candidate Defeated by Democrats Who Scratched Ticket.

New York, Nov. 9.—The whole Democratic state ticket, with the exception of Hearst, is elected by a small but safe plurality. With several counties yet to be heard from, Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, has a plurality of more than 25,000 over M. Linn Bruce, Republican. The returns from the counties not yet heard from will not in all probability affect the result materially. In some of them Bruce and in others Chanler will run ahead of his ticket, but if Bruce got the full vote given to Hughes in all of them, Chanler would be elected by 10,000.

With Bruce certainly defeated, there is little doubt about the fate of the rest of the Democratic ticket. It has gone down under the avalanche of Democratic votes cast below the Bronx.

FAIL OF CHOICE BY 10 VOTES.

No Election of Governor in New Hampshire—Ship-Up to Legislature.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—Complete returns have been received and it seems certain that there has been no choice for governor by the people.

Charles M. Floyd, Republican, has a plurality of about 1,400 (but the seat is held by the Democrats) and will lead the election in the legislature.

It should be remembered, however, that these returns are unofficial, and it may be that the official returns will show a different result.

The total vote is: Floyd, Rep., 40,518; Jamison, Dem., 41,524; Tetley, Pro., 2,181; Ball, Sec., 884; scattering, 2. Floyd lacks a majority over all of ten votes.

WETMORE NOT SURE TO WIN.

And This in Spite of a Republican Legislature.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 9.—Despite the fact that the Republicans will control the next session of the assembly there is considerable doubt in this state over the election of a United States senator. Wetmore of Newport is a candidate to succeed him. Opposed to him are Colonel R. H. L. Goddard, the nominee of the Democratic and Lincoln parties, and Colonel Samuel P. Colt. It is known that forty-three of the representatives elected Tuesday are pledged to Goddard, while the rest are open. Col. Goddard, while he has no open, yet advocates the re-election of Senator Wetmore. A vote of fifty-six is necessary for the election of a senator and on that basis Colonel Goddard lacks thirteen votes to insure his success. Senator Wetmore's friends point to the fact, however, that fifty-seven members of the legislature have declined to record their preference, and from that source they hope to secure the necessary votes. But one legislator has come out unqualifiedly for Colonel Colt, but it is known that the latter's friends look to the undecided members for support and around these fifty-seven men the battle is now being waged.

HEARST MAN, LANGDON, AT END.

He Drops Far Behind But Causes Defeat of Democrat.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—The fuller returns published yesterday do not materially change the first showing, and the indications are that the Republican party has elected its state ticket from top to bottom. Tillitt is elected governor by a plurality exceeding 12,000. Langdon, the Hearst candidate, runs far behind. If it hadn't been for Langdon, candidate of Hearst's Independence league, drawing votes from Bell, the Democratic candidate would have won. The big vote polled by Bell was largely due to the anti-railroad sentiment. A solid Republican delegation has been elected to Congress, the majorities being in some cases equal to those of the Roosevelt year. The Republican candidates for justices of the supreme court are elected by big majorities.

ROOSEVELT PRAISES PARSONS.

He Declares No Man Is to Be More Congratulated Than He.

New York, Nov. 9.—Henry Clews yesterday gave out the following letter, which he received from President Roosevelt in reply to a telegram of congratulation on the outcome of the election:

"I have received your telegram. No man is to be more congratulated than your son-in-law (Herbert Parsons). What a triumph he is, and what a mixture of devotion to a high ideal and resolute, practical common sense efficiency he has displayed."

DEFEATS LILLEY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Loses Congress Seat by 747—Only One of Gompers' Targets That Was Hit.

Towanda, Pa., Nov. 8.—Complete returns from the 14th congressional district show that Congressman Mal E. Lilley, Republican, was defeated for re-election by George W. Kipp (Democrat and Lincoln Republican) by 747 majority.

Cummins' Plurality Is 20,000.

Des Moines, Nov. 9.—Iowa's election is a question of the Republican plurality only. All indications point to a plu-

A DIRECT PROCESS

HOW DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CURE RHEUMATISM.

Statement from One Who Was Cured of a Particularly Painful Form of This Disease.

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"My trouble began with a severe cold which I took about a week before Christmas in 1904. I began to have rheumatic pains in my back and limbs and after a time I couldn't straighten up. I suffered the most awful pain for months and much of the time was unable to leave the house and I had to take hold of a chair in order to walk and sometimes I could not stand up at all. My husband had to help me up and down stairs. The pain was greatest down my left limb, along the sciatic nerve."

"The disease was pronounced sciatic rheumatism and, although I had a good physician and took his medicine faithfully, I did not get any better. After some six weeks of this terrible pain and suffering I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and that is the medicine that cured me. After a few boxes the pain was less intense and I could see decided improvement. I continued to take the pills until I was entirely cured and I have never had any return of the trouble."

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rality of about 20,000 for Gov. Cummins with the chances that the rest of the state officers will run a little above that.

Final returns show that Congressman Lacey has been defeated for re-election in the 6th district and B. W. Hamilton, a Democrat, elected to the position. In the 1st and 2d districts, also, thought to be in doubt, the Republicans have elected their candidates.

Pain

Wears Out the Nerves.

Do you realize that pain is weakening, and exhausts your vitality? Don't you remember how completely worn out you felt after that last attack of headache, neuralgia, backache, periodical or other spell of suffering? Nearly every case of inflammation, apoplexy, paralysis, epilepsy and insanity is directly due to the weakening influence of pain upon the brain nerves? For this reason every one who suffers from pain of any kind should not fail to get relief as quickly as possible.

You can do this by taking Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills—others do.

"I have used Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills for years, and can say they have never failed. I always keep them in the house, in fact I had rather be without sugar than the Pills. Previous to using them I had always suffered with sick headache, sometimes being in bed for three and four days. I had tried nearly everything I ever heard of, and none would seem to help me, but after a short time the trouble would wear off. It is five years now since I began taking Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills, and the results are as good as at first."

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LAWYER CALLS BONI A FORGER

Counsel for Countess Shows Bogus Papers in Court

RIDICULES STORY OF A PLOT

Castellane's Counsel Says His Client Cannot Meet His Outstanding Obligations—Divorce Means His Ruin.

Paris, Nov. 9.—The hearing of the Castellane divorce suit was resumed before Judge Ditté in the palace of justice yesterday. Maitre Bonnet of counsel for Count Boni de Castellane consumed less than an hour in concluding his argument for the count. He continued his criticisms of Edmond Kelly, the American lawyer of the countess, and persisted in his demand for an examination of the witnesses in order that, he said, to permit of the case being proved to the bottom.

So far as money was concerned, nothing would be much altered by a divorce. It would only mean final financial ruin for the count. It was impossible for him to meet his outstanding obligations, with an income amounting only to \$24,000 a year. The remainder of his ancestral inheritance would have to be sold. If his wife desired to present him in such a light before the world, he had nothing more to say. Nevertheless, it seemed only just that he should be reimbursed the \$24,000 which he obtained by the sale of his share of the ancestral forest of Luecy, and which was contributed to the household expenses.

Counsel added that in the event of a divorce the count would ask for permission to see his children two days each week and a month in summer, and that the countess be enjoined from taking the children to America without his consent.

Counsel concluded with asserting that he was convinced that the countess, if free to obey the dictates of her conscience, would yet consent to a reconciliation, and solemnly assured the court of the count's respect, esteem and undying affection for his wife.

Maitre Cruppi, for the countess, in reply, charged the count's lawyer with seeking to divert attention from the issue at the bar by making an unprecedented and baseless attack on Mr. Kelly, who, counsel declared, enjoyed a standing in the United States and France which made him a superfluous, being a member of the New York bar, and counsel for the United States legation in Paris for the past 20 years.

Maitre Cruppi read a letter from Mr. Kelly denying the charges made against him, and saying that until the names of the persons mentioned were introduced by counsel for the count, he had never heard of those he was supposed to have bribed.

Maitre Cruppi then produced what he declared to be forged documents by which, counsel charged, the count in July last attempted to convince his wife that he was in the hands of a plot to accomplish his political ruin. Several sharp passages between Maitre Cruppi and Bonnet took place, one of them compelling the intervention of Judge Ditté. Finally Maitre Bonnet asked the count to postpone the case for a fortnight, in the hope of a final reconciliation, but the judge refused to do so, and adjourned the hearing for a week.

The court, after hearing the public prosecutor next week, will announce its decision either for a divorce or for an examination of the witnesses. The creditors' case, in which Count Boni de Castellane and George J. Gould, as trustee, are made joint defendants, was called after recess yesterday. This suit, which is brought by six creditors, involves \$240,000.

Maitre Millerand, of counsel for the creditors, contended that the count, under the regime of separation of property, was responsible with her husband for the expenses of the household. Maitre Millerand ridiculed the attempts of opposing counsel to depict her as living in a state of poverty. The count, he asserted, had not squandered all his money. The countess should pay her share of the extravagances. In a single month she had spent \$120,000. The ceiling of her bedroom cost \$160,000, with the furniture to match.

Maitre Millerand of counsel for the creditors, did not squander his plea, and the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

THREE FACTS

For Sick Women To Consider

First.—That almost every operation in our hospitals performed upon women becomes necessary through neglect of such symptoms as backache, irregular and painful periods, displacements of the female organs, pain in the side, burning sensation in the stomach, swelling-down pains, nervousness, dizziness and sleeplessness.

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Third.—The great volume of unsolicited and grateful testimonials on file at the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., many of which are from time to time published by permission, give absolute evidence of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Mrs. Pinkham's advice.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women.—Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. From symptoms given, your trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised. Mrs. Pinkham is daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years under her direction and since her decease she has been advising sick women free of charge. Out of the vast volume of experience in treating female ills Mrs. Pinkham probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Surely, any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.

BIG FIRE NEAR CANTON.

500 Houses Destroyed—Foreign Marines Fight the Flames.

Hong Kong, Nov. 9.—A despatch from Canton yesterday reports that a conflagration is raging on the riverside opposite the European quarter on the island and in the suburb of Shamoon.

More than 500 houses have been destroyed, including all the restaurants, brothels and gambling houses, and the fire is still burning fiercely. The wind of a godown on the island of Shamoon became lighted, but the blaze was promptly extinguished and Shamoon is not now in peril.

Marines from the foreign vessels in the harbor have been landed and are heroically combating the flames. No lives have been lost, but the damage already exceeds one million dollars.

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KEHL IS TAKEN.

Man Who Sought to Kill the President in 1903 Now in Custody.

New York, Nov. 9.—A Panama special to the Herald says that Jorman Kehl, who in 1903 tried to gain admission to the White House with the declared view of killing President Roosevelt, arrived in Panama Wednesday from Chili and was put under arrest. Physicians declared him insane. He will be sent back to Chili.

There are a number of secret service men now on the isthmus to look after the safety of Mr. Roosevelt. For weeks the canal zone police and detectives have kept close watch on all arrivals at the ports between Panama and Colon.

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